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General Duane H. Cassidy, USAF
Commander in Chief, Military Airlift Command
Scott Air Force Base, Illinois 62225-5001

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Dear General Cassidy,

I recently traveled [redacted] on behalf of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff to review our overall intelligence posture in that region. Due to the sensitivity of the locations and time involved, dedicated military air support was requested.

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I would like to take this opportunity to personally commend the crew of TUG 65 that made this trip possible. The performance of Capt Robert D. Nichols and 1st Lt Benjamin McCuiston as a team was unsurpassed. Their top-notch skill and professionalism contributed significantly to the trip's overall success. Please pass on my appreciation to them for a job very well done.

This was also my last trip [redacted] as I am recently retired after 35 years with the U.S. Navy. I was accompanied on this trip by Lt Gen-designate Edward J. Heinz, USAF, who has been selected as my replacement. Knowing full well the outstanding reputation of the Military Airlift Command, I am confident that the same degree of MAC support will continue for Ed Heinz. Again, thank you for all your support.

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Very sincerely,

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E. A. Burkhalter, Jr.
Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)

cc: Commander Det 1 1401 MAS(MAC),
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